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Memorandum for: Director, FBIS
Through : Chief, Operations Group
Subject : Paraguay Bureau Monthly Report-- June 1981

I. GENERAL

Asuncion police, in coordination with the military, are still from time to time pulling spot checks for documents in the downtown area. People without proper documents are taken to police headquarters until they can identify themselves. Fortunately no bureau personnel have thus far been affected.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Yet another coup attempt in Bolivia on the morning of 27 June led to extended bureau hours on that day and the following day Sunday. The agile president Garcia Meza emerged seemingly stronger than ever.

2. Malfunction of the Farinon microwave equipment caused loss of remote antennas for bulk of month, seriously hampering radio coverage of Bolivia, and Peru.

3. At the embassy's request, the bureau filed extensively to the Department of State on the arrest and subsequent exile of Paraguayan Christian Democrat leader Luis Alfonso Resck.

4. The severe economic problems in Argentina, press suppression and labor strikes caused a heavy Argentina workload.

B. Communications

The bureau communications were down for a total of 3 hours and 35 minutes. Most of the problems were attributed Unfortunately the outages occurred in the midst of the Bolivian coup.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [] departed for Key West on 2 June to provide temporary monitorial assistance.

2. Bureau Monitor [] was presented with a check of \$300 and certificate for Portuguese language achievement, on 10 June.

3. At the request of the JAO/Personnel officer, bureau FSN position descriptions were reviewed and verified.

B. Visits

Visitors included: Assistant Defense Attache Mike O'Connor and [] from FBIS Production Group.

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